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### A PREFERENCE FOR POPCORN

Something new is popping up in Richard Bering's former vineyard. The Effingham farmer has traded in his juice grapes for something a little cornier. Bering is growing popcorn. "It's pretty exciting because we've never grown popcorn before," says the operator of Opere White Meadows Farms. See story on page 20.

### ST. ANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Fall fair produces several agricultural entries



Left: Clare Benson, left, and Emily Tremere look at the large zucchini display at St. Ann Catholic School's 13th annual fall fair. Right: Carly Malesenko looks at a donkey's head made from vegetables. The fair emphasizes the rural life and heritage of many of the students who attend the Fenwick school.

WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photos

## Rural Fenwick heritage celebrated

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For 13 years St. Ann Catholic School students have celebrated their rural Fenwick heritage.

To the St. Ann Fall Fair, they brought their vegetables, flowers, crafts and pets.

Teacher Carolyn Botari, who organized the fair, said it was a change for students to experience a fall fair with their own entries

into competition for ribbons and prizes.

The coveted prize was for largest zucchini. This year students carried in bigger than usual entries.

Among pets brought in was a small horse, Tangi, owned by Devon Bertrand and trailed over by his mother Christine Bertrand of Chevalier Hill Farms. The fair also featured a chicken, rabbit, rats and a partially blind

baby goat.

The students also created animal figures from vegetables including an elephant with lettuce ears. In addition to the biggest vegetables there were the oddest shaped tomato.

Throughout last Friday afternoon classes took turns inspecting the entries.

And the great zucchini weigh-off followed recess.

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# upfront

■ **AUGUSTYN AND TOAST:** Mayor dishes out town update over bacon and eggs

## Busy year ahead for town: Augustyn

PelhamNEWS Staff

PELHAM — Pelham can look forward to a busy fall of public meetings and a hectic year of road construction in 2010.

Mayor Dave Augustyn told a breakfast meeting of the Welland/Pelham Chamber of Commerce Tuesday at the Lazy Loon the town has received \$12.4 million for capital projects in federal and provincial infrastructure funding.

"It's double our regular annual capital budget," he told the gathering of Pelham busi-

ness people.

Among projects underway for 2010 are:

- a \$2.5 million reconstruction of Pelham St. from College St. to Broad St. as part of a downtown Fonthill revitalization project;

- \$5.7 million reconstruction of Haist St.;

- \$2.9 million replacement of the 60-year-old Fire Station No. 2 in Fenwick;

- \$1.1 million construction and replacement of nine playgrounds with new accessible

equipment at parks.

- a \$260,000 addition to the second floor of town hall, "to give more room for the sardines" squeezed town staff.

In addition to the preparing for a 2010 construction season the town will have a busy fall of planning issues, said Augustyn.

It will deal with its Community Improvement Plans guidelines, the town's Official Plan, and a secondary plan for the East Fonthill subdivision development and town-owned land along Rice Rd.

■ **FONTHILL LIONS**

## Cruising on \$10

WAYNE CAMPBELL

PelhamNEWS Staff

If you buy a \$10 ticket, you may win yourself a dream cruise.

However, you will definitely win the gratitude of the Fonthill Lions Club and those charities it supports.

The clock is ticking down to Fonthill Lions Super Draw, which takes place at 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, at the Lions Club hall on Regional Rd. 20 in Fonthill, said draw chair Wes MacKinnon.

"It's the club's major fundraiser of the year."

Proceeds are used for Lions contributions to Pelham Cares, Welland Hospital Foundation, Pelham Youth Soccer, E.L. Crossley Secondary School bursaries, North Pelham Scouts and maintaining the Fonthill Lions park and tennis courts.

On a wider level, the Fonthill club helps support district Lions activities such as the Lions Sight First II campaign, Camp Dorset a dialysis camp run by the Lions, Lake Joseph camp for the blind run by the CNIB, homes for the deaf, Camp Huronda for children with diabetes and the Niagara Frontier radio reading program.

In the past, the club raffled off an ATV, but this year its top prize is an \$8,000 dream cruise for two from Cruise Holidays.

A 50-inch TV from Lampman's Furniture and a gas barbecue from Beamers Hardware are second and third prizes.

MacKinnon said the club will be selling tickets at two high-profile events in the next two weeks: the Welland Food Fest this weekend and the Thanksgiving weekend craft show at Ball's Falls.

Tickets are also available from Lions members, Klagers, Lampmans, the Fonthill licence bureau and Cruise Holidays.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Wes MacKinnon is ready to sell you a ticket in the Fonthill Lions Club Super Draw.

During the past three years, the Fonthill Lions Super Draws have raised a total of \$40,000 for charities.

Super Draw replaced a nine-week series of weekly draws culminating in one large one.

MacKinnon said sales have slowed this year.

It may be that without the ATV and its trailer the sales booth is less visible at regular spots such as Sobeyes in Fonthill and Shoppers Drug Mart at the Fonthill plaza as well as at special events such as Niagara Regional Exhibition, Smithville Poultry Fest and Port Colborne Marine Festival.

However, the cruise is a big prize, he said and the club will be putting on a push in the next two weeks.

The 15-member club has openings for new members. Anyone interested in joining the community service organization can contact Fred Arbour at 905-892-2616 and Robert Yumgblut at 905-892-0005.

wccampbell@wellandtribune.ca

■ **LAMPMAN'S:** La-Z-Boy Comfort Studio comes to Fenwick



JOE CSEH PelhamNEWS photo

Lampman's Furniture in Fenwick held a grand opening, for its new La-Z-Boy Comfort Studio. This is exclusive to Niagara and available only to Lampman's because sales figures have doubled in the past couple of years. Pictured are Mike Prout, Allan Muir, Carol Muir, Glenn Muir, Debbie Mikolasek, Terry Mikolasek, Mayor David Augustyn, La-Z-Boy representative Geoff Leon, Ward 1 Coun. Debbie Urbancowicz, Irv Muir, Alexandra Muir and Brock Muir.

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## ■ TERRY FOX RUNS: Students put their best foot forward to stomp out cancer



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Top left: Cookies and brownies were on sale in front of Pelham Centre School to give runners and walkers in the E. L. Crossley Terry Fox run a surge of energy. Crossley students with munchies are from left Manny Pagotto, Doug Campbell, Brandon Griffin, Milan Mladenovic, Mary-Jane Wishart, Kaitlin Martyniuk and Emily Harrison. Top centre: Glynn A. Green elementary students Gillian Hennessey, Ilya Righi and Megan Hall hold a Terry Fox flag while fellow junior students warm up for the school's Terry Fox Run. Top right: A.K. Wigg elementary school students from left Thomas Calaguirro, Julia Cheek and Sarah Snelgrove receive sticks used to log running track laps from Brock University education student Kaitlyn Sevik. Bottom right: Glynn A. Green students run around the school's soccer field. Bottom centre: Hundreds of E.L. Crossley Secondary School students stretch out along the roads of Pelham behind the school in a 10-kilometre run and walk to raise \$9,600. Bottom left: Pelham Centre Public School students Mariah Elten and Brenna Ward share a hug during Pelham Centre's walk and run around the grounds and front of the school.

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## perspective



Wayne Campbell  
EDITOR

## Fox keeps running

The Terry Fox Marathon of Hope becomes a reality in its 29 years.

It seems to renew itself each year to everyone's amazement.

One reason is few people have not been touched by cancer in themselves, in their families and among their friends.

Another is Terry Fox's story remains immediate for young people. As was pointed out at E.L. Crossley's pre-run rally last week, Terry was the same age of many of the students when he learned he had a cancer that cost him his leg and eventually his life. His story resonates with the young while his quest for a cancer wrenches at the hearts and minds of adults.

When we look at the continued success of the run, we must salute the public relations skill of its national organizers The Terry Fox Foundation.

They keep the quest alive and fresh.

A relatively recent innovation is National School Run Day. It allows schools to participate separately from the second Sunday of September Terry Fox Run day. Educators use Terry Fox as a role model and his story an inspirational teaching tool.

This continuous appeal to the youngest people at schools like A.K. Wigg, Glynn A. Green, Pelham Centre and J. W. Farr last Friday keeps the Marathon of Hope going.

It has raised more than \$490 million for cancer research. While an ultimate goal for all our youth still eludes researchers, they have found many ways to ease the effects of various forms. It's a matter of time, effort and funding as we keep running for Terry September after September.

# comment

## ■ ST. ANN'S FALL FAIR: Talking to the animals



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Tory Singer pats Tango, a New Welsh horse from Chevalier Hill Farms, during St. Ann Catholic School's 13th annual Fall Fair. Student Devon Bertrand and his mother Christine brought the small horse to the fall fair in the school's gym

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Please do the drill and count yourself in. Working together we can reduce fire tragedies in all Ontario communities.

Patrick Burke,

Ontario Fire Marshal Chair, Ontario Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council

Fire Chief Tim Bockett,

Ontario Rep., Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs

## With our best future in mind

The premier of Ontario appointed Charles Pascal as a special advisor on early learning in Ontario.

Niagara Region will welcome him on Oct. 8 to meet with key educators and government representatives to discuss the possibility of Niagara serving as a pilot to implement the recommendations in the Pascal Report.



Brian Baty

REGIONAL VIEW

Some months ago, as co-chair of the public health and social services committee, I reviewed a report concerning Canada's place in the developed countries regarding investment in children. We are tied with Ireland in last place.

It appears that the rest of the world has listened to researchers who have indicated that investment in the early years of a child's life brings significant dividends in later years: better health, less absenteeism, greater productivity and higher education attainment.

Pascal's report sees elementary schools serving as year-round hubs for children from birth to age 12 with the establishment of Best Start (Child and Family Centres).

Full-day learning from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. would be provided involving early childhood educators and teachers. When 15 or more families require it, child care would be provided before and after school as well as March Break and summer care. I often tell people there are two Niagaras: the drive-thru Niagara which is beautiful and rich in its geography and natural beauty and the live-through Niagara which struggles with poverty.

The median income in Niagara is about \$26,000 a year and is among the lowest in Canada. Many families struggle with putting nutritious food on the table or maintaining clean, comfortable and affordable housing.

At the recent Children's Winter Festival at Ball's Falls, I taught 48 separate classes of Grade 3 students over a four-day period. The differences in the quality of life were significant from class to class. You could tell by the children's complexion, their size, their clothing, their behaviour and their degree of engagement with the activity.

Niagara has experienced a youth drain for many years as young people seek secure, well-paying jobs elsewhere. Many that remain hold lesser-paying jobs that don't provide sufficient income to support their families.

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Cathy Berkhout-Bosse  
REAL ESTATEVIEW

## Niagara's hot spot

**R**esale housing market sales activity in the Niagara area increased 4.9% over the levels achieved in August 2009.

A total 517 single family homes traded hands via the Multiple Listing Service of the Niagara association compared to 493 in August 2008 — 8.9% below the record of 568 units reported for August last year.

Niagara results lagged just slightly behind the national results recently released by the Canadian Association of Realtors (CRA). Across Canada a monthly increase of 18.5% was recorded over the total units reported in August 2008, representing a 6% decrease compared to August 2007 peak level activity.

In general, Niagara is following the positive trends that have been reported nationally. Our region has traditionally always experienced less extreme highs and lows than larger market areas. The current level of sales activity across Niagara indicates we are on track for a significant increase in the third quarter compared to second-quarter results.

Resale activity in August was up from year-ago levels in half of the local market areas served by the Niagara Association of Realtors.

Lincoln/West Lincoln reported the largest percentage increase at 130%, reflecting total unit sales of 30 compared to 13 in August 2008.

Other Niagara regional hot spots reporting year-over-year gains include Pelham (+44%), Fort Erie (+34%) and St. Catharines (+8.7%).

The Niagara wide monthly MLS residential average price rose 2.4% from year-ago levels to \$222,304.

In comparison, the average price in Pelham declined 8.4% from year-ago levels to \$287,857. Reduced activity at the higher end of the price spectrum in the Pelham market area appears to be skewing the average price downward.

New residential listings in Niagara were down 3.1% year-over-year to 887 units.



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## BATY

# Children would benefit from program

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Hence many people have chosen to not have children or to limit the size of their families. Elementary schools in many communities have seen an annual decline in enrolment. Pelham itself has, over the course of 40 years, gone from three high schools to one.

The declining enrolment provides an advantage to Niagara as we have the space in our schools to provide programs for full-time four- and five-year-old children without costly capital spending. We certainly have the need.

Most importantly, we have recently

completed a study of all neighbourhoods in Niagara to demonstrate clearly which neighbourhoods have children that are fully school-prepared and those that have significant challenges; the latter are the schools that have the children who would most benefit from this program.

Each government has a legacy. In my opinion the implementation of the report, With Our Best Future in Mind, will be as significant for Ontario as the introduction of the college system was by the Bill Davis government.

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### ROBBERY SUSPECT NABBED

A report of a suspicious vehicle ended in the arrest of a man suspected in four armed robberies of stores in Pelham.

At about 10:10 p.m. last Tuesday, Niagara Regional Police responded to the area of Handler Rd. for a suspicious vehicle complaint. Police attempted to stop the vehicle but it fled from the area. The vehicle had been reported stolen from Mississauga last Thursday.

Police pursued the car for about 15 kilometres. Three occupants ran from the vehicle and were apprehended by uniform patrol officers.

James John Fobert of Mississauga is charged with possession of stolen property over \$5,000, flight from police, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, driving while prohibited, breach of probation and being unlawfully at large.

Ralph Alexander Gibson and Justin Richard Aldrich are charged with possession of stolen property over

\$5,000.

Police allege Fobert is responsible for four armed robberies that have occurred in Pelham over three days. He is also charged with four counts of robbery using a firearm.

### STAY TUNED FOR THE TOP 10

Bea Clark, chair of the Pelham Active Transportation Committee, said her group next month will put forward a list of top 10 problem areas for walkers, cyclists and wheelchair users in

Pelham.

Clark made a presentation to council last Monday outlining the work of the committee over the past year. It included community outreach and education programs, such as providing information at Pelham Farmers' Market, Pelham Public Library, Canada Day and in neighbourhoods around the town.

The committee provides advice in planning including participating in public meetings for the town's community improvement plan and Haist St.

reconstruction. She said the committee worked on promoting use of trails and a link to Thorold on the old NS&T railway line. It researched and developed recommendations for the town's snow removal bylaw, for which the town is receiving comments at [www.pelham.ca](http://www.pelham.ca). Clark wants Pelham to become the most walkable town.

The top 10 list will be based on surveys and comments the town has collected over the past year and will be presented to town council this month.

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## ■ FUNDRAISER: Kay Fraser knows well of Patrick Swayze's plight



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Kay Fraser gets ready for fall by putting up a straw man on her back stairs, while wearing her Panda Bear Walk T-shirt. The third annual walk to raise money for pancreatic cancer research will step off at 10 a.m. Sunday from her home at 478 Canboro Rd.

## Walk sheds light on pancreatic cancer

WAYNE CAMPBELL  
Tribune Staff

Pelham resident Kay Fraser and actor Patrick Swayze have something in common.

They both contracted pancreatic cancer at about the same time three years ago. They both drew attention to research to end the disease.

Swayze, at age 57, lost his struggle with the cancer last month.

Fraser has just seen hers come back after a period of remission.

However, she continues her efforts to raise money for research by planning her third annual Panda Bear Walk for Sunday.

The stroll around her five-kilometre "country block" leaves her home at 478 Canboro Rd. at 10 a.m.

It's the same block she strolled every morning while she ran the ScotiaMcLeod office in Welland, which she started in 1984.

"I would get up at 6 a.m., clamp on my head phones and head out with my music playing," she said.

It took her about 50 minutes

to walk down Canboro to Effingham St. then to Welland Rd. and Centre St., and back to her home near Old Pelham Town Hall.

She hasn't made the walk since she contracted cancer. Now her friends, neighbours, relatives, working colleagues and others interested in combating cancer fill out pledge sheets and step out for her. They also set up a barbecue for the walk, solicit donations and spread the word.

Her son, Jamie Fraser, who now runs her ScotiaMcLeod office, has contacted other offices across the country for pledges. Meanwhile, her other four sons with their wives and her grandchildren are all playing a part.

Even her three-year-old great-grandson will make his third walk Sunday.

The two previous Panda strolls have raised about \$120,000.

"The first year we had between 75 and 80 walkers, last year about 120," she said. This year the group has a \$50,000 goal.

Donations can be made online at [www.pandabears.ca](http://www.pandabears.ca)

Panda Bear Walk proceeds go to research pancreatic cancer at Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto, where Fraser received treatment.

In her latest bout, Fraser has been receiving chemotherapy treatments in St. Catharines.

Fraser said she wanted to use the walk to draw attention to pancreatic cancer because it lacks the attention other cancers receive.

"We've had a lot fundraising for breast cancer," she said. "The research is making progress toward a cure, which is wonderful."

Meanwhile, she said pancreatic cancer patients have a survival rate of 4% or 5%. It affects people between ages 45 to 55.

"The pancreas is a small organ," she said. "One you contract the disease, you have a slim chance of treating it in time."

"You can't do research for a cure if you don't have the money, she said. That's what her annual walk is all about."

"Patrick Swayze hung in there tough. He fought a good fight."

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## ■ FALL FARE

WAYNE CAMPBELL  
Staff Photo

Pat Crowe arranges pumpkins as Crowe's Wild West Farms opens its roadside stand for the fall pumpkin season. Pat and Wes Crowe have operated the stand at 358 Canboro Rd. through late September and October for 25 years as well as five years before that on Haist St. They sell pumpkins, squash, gourds, corn, hay and straw.



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- 1 ½ cups flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 2 tbsp sugar
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 ½ tsp grated lemon or orange zest
- 5 tbsp unsalted butter, cold
- ¾ cup half and half

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. In a large bowl, toss together the flour, baking powder, sugar, zest and salt. Cut the butter into small pieces, and cut it

into the flour using two knives, a pastry blender, or your fingers until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs, or small peas. Make a well in the centre of the mixture, and add the half and half, stir gently until the mixture can be gathered into a ball.

Transfer the dough to a lightly floured surface. Knead for 30 seconds, and then pat it out to form a ¾ inch thick rectangle. Using a cookie cutter, cut the dough into rounds, gently bring remaining bits of dough together to cut remaining dough into scones, keep in mind that these scones will not be as tender and the first ones out.

On a baking sheet arrange scones about 1 inch apart for crisper scones, and closer together for soft fluffy scones. Before baking, brush the tops with melted butter and sprinkle with coarse or granulated sugar. Bake until puffed and golden, approximately 14 to 20 minutes. Scones should rise to two times their original height when baked. Once baked transfer scones to wire rack and allow them to cool. Serve with cold salted butter, and various jams and spreads.

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### Sunday Social - Sept. 20

1st: Bill Mol, Peter Collinson, Marion Meeboer, Maureen Reynolds 66

2nd: Giny Sunstrum, Mike Schmidt, Fred Miller, Eida Elsie 69

3rd: Rich Meeboer, Ken Elsie, Gill Collinson, Connie Buis 69

### Monday Morning Seniors - Sept. 21

Game: 4 Man Scramble

1st: Bob Cranfield, Jim Butler, Frank Krupa, Peter Funk 67

2nd: Bill Berg, Ray Sampson, Dave Mullett, Alex Hercics 68

3rd: Don Conway, Red Boyce, Rich Meeboer, Don Garriock 68

### Ladies' Night Results - 2009 Final Point Standings

The Top 10

1st: Cindy Weisbrod 53

2nd: Pat Sharpe 47

3rd: Barb Smith 45

4th: Joan Rogers 45

5th: Debbie Guild 44

6th: Marilyn Burman 44

7th: Lori Clancy 43

8th: Annette Penney 42

10th: Margo Kavanaugh 41

### Men's Night Results - Sept. 23

Gold Flight Low Gross

Porky Lake 39

Silver Flight Low Gross

Vic Klassen 39

Top 5 Low Net

1st: Ross Smith 24

2nd: Mick Dignam 29

3rd: Ralph Tallman 30

4th: Terry Howe 31

5th: Scott Holdermer 32

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## Campionship hopes dashed

For PelhamNEWS  
The Meridian Credit Union Pelham U11 Girls placed second, losing 1-0 to Niagara Falls, in the Niagara Region Girls Soccer League Playoff Championship held Sept. 19.

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final by knocking off Welland 3-1 in a semifinal match on the strength of goals by Hailey Purbs, Erica Wilson and Viktoria Vanzanten and solid goaltending by Hollis Zwierschke.

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## ■ pelhambrief

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■ **TERRY FOX RUN**

## Crossley keeps Fox dream alive

WAYNE CAMPBELL  
PelhamNEWS Staff

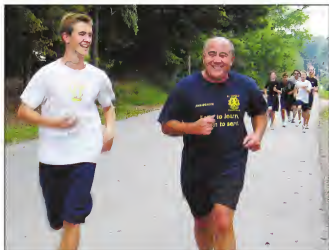
A rally in the gym pumped them up and the marching band drum line led them out as hundreds of E.L. Crossley students ran and walked a 10-kilometre loop on the roads behind the school last Wednesday.

The fifth annual Terry Fox Run raised \$9,600 in pledges for cancer research.

Wainfleet mayor Barb Henderson presented her donation - which she used to give to her now-graduated daughter - to student prime minister Luke Burko.

Henderson said Terry Fox exhibited a determination to make a difference the students should use as an example.

"Go Crossley, make Terry proud," she called out to the bleachers. Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn reminded the students that Terry Fox was only the age of many of the Crossley students when he discovered he had cancer.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Warren Hoshizaki, District School Board of Niagara director of education, runs in the E.L. Crossley Secondary School 10 kilometre Terry Fox Run.

years later," Augustyn said.

He told the students they can make an impact and should strive to take their efforts to the next level.

"Go out and take your place Cyclones."

Principal Ann Harrison was one a number staff members and volunteers who walked the route with students and acted as marshals along the

tioned students to respect the property of neighbours "who always support us" and walk or run facing traffic to ensure safety.

She said the run is a tremendous opportunity for the school to show its spirit and help a cause.

"We all know someone" who has been affected by cancer, she said.

The route included Canboro Rd., Centre St., Welland Ave., Foss Rd. and Effingham St.

Warren Hoshizaki, District School Board of Niagara director of education, put on his running togs and ran with the school.

"It's a chance to get out with the students," he said.

He usually works at the board's head office in St. Catharines.

Terry Fox National School Run Day officially took place last Friday with students running for Terry at schools throughout Niagara.

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The E.L. Crossley marching band's drum line rolls out runners in the Terry Fox Run.

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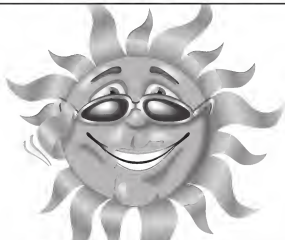
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■ E.L. CROSSLEY: Casting for April's high school musical

# Students line up for Urinetown

WAYNE CAMPBELL  
PelhamNEWS Staff

Hot and sweaty performers tried out for a musical at E.L. Crossley Secondary School last week.

It wasn't all from casting-call stress. Earlier most walked or ran kilometers around Pelham roads in the annual Terry Fox run.

"It's been a long day," said drama teacher Jennifer Benson who also made the walk.

Co-producer art teacher Janine Barber said 47 were trying out for 30 stage parts in the satiric musical comedy Urinetown.

Meanwhile, a large number volunteered to back stage work including set building, production chores, lights and so forth, she said.

Benson said this was the first time in years the school has put on a musical.

She saw the comedy performed at Laura Secord Secondary School in St. Catharines a couple of years ago and found it hilarious.

During the tryouts, producers listened to students sing a song they selected. Then they asked each stu-

dent to sing Twinkle Twinkle Little Star with different emotions such as love, anger or sadness.

It gave them a sense of their flexibility and range, said Benson.

Urinetown is a big production that will involve school-wide co-operation. It will draw contributions from such programs as drama, art, business, technical skills, fashion and business.

The producers will look for sponsors from outside the school to help with the rental of Ridley College theatre in St. Catharines, where the musical will be staged.

Sponsorship will also help to hold down the costs to ensure low admissions fees for all students and their families, said Benson.

"We will open on Earth Day, April 22, and run for a week," Urinetown is a musical that satirizes capitalism, small town politics, populism, bureaucracy and social irresponsibility. It takes shots at greed, corruption and revolution.

Pay-as-you-go tickets triggered the imaginations of creators Mark Hollmann and Greg Kotlo to the potential of abuse in the future.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Kelly Nori, left, receives a marriage proposal from Mike Naudorf while Stuart Black plays guitar. E.L. Crossley Secondary School's drama department held tryouts for the musical Urinetown.

Urinetown began as a fringe production that made it to Broadway. It's opening in 2001 was delayed by the terrorist attack on Sept. 11, 2001.

Now the Crossley students selected during the tryouts will face months of preparation and rehearsing before their opening night.

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## ■ AGRICULTURE: Juice grapes traded for popcorn



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Richard Bering in his Pelham popcorn field.

## It's cornier at White Meadows

TIFFANY MAYER  
Sun Media

Something new is popping up in Richard Bering's former vineyard.

The Effingham farmer has traded in his juice grapes for something a little cornier. Bering is growing popcorn.

"It's pretty exciting because we've never grown popcorn before." Growing regular field corn, though, is old hat for Bering and his family, who operate White Meadows Farms, known for its maple syrup. But Bering's new crop is more common in movie theatres than any field in Niagara. He may just be the only local farmer growing popcorn. He's also one of three popcorn growers in Ontario, at least by Russell Jones's count.

Jones, based in Leamington, is a 40-year popcorn-growing veteran. He'll tell anyone it's not easy.

It's a fickle crop requiring a longer growing season than other corns. That puts it at risk of frost by the time it's dry enough to harvest, usually in October.

During the five months on the field, it demands a lot of heat and the right amount of moisture, Jones said.

Harvesting the crop also requires kid gloves. If any of the kernels crack, they won't pop. While an acre of regular field corn can bring in about 200 bushels, an acre of popcorn nets 40 bushels, Jones said.

"It's a lot of work," Jones said.

Despite the kernel of truth to what Jones said, Bering hopes his venture isn't all hot air.

His family has been

importing popping corn from the U.S. to use with their maple syrup to make maple kettle corn.

With the domestic juice grape industry virtually dried up, the entrepreneurial Bering thought popcorn might be an interesting and practical replacement.

He also decided to raise 12 pigs, feeding them duff kernels or fine pieces sifted out of the maple kettle corn the family is already making. His porcine projects will be auctioned off at the farm next month.

"We want to support local as much as possible but no one is growing this locally so we had to do it ourselves," Bering said about his popcorn.

He's only growing 2 1/2 acres (one hectare) to start, just to see how things go.

"We were worried at first because the sun wasn't shining... but so far, it's not looking too bad," Bering said. "As long as we can get it off before the frost, we'll have a nice crop of popcorn."

His towering 2.5-metre stalks will be harvested by hand in the next couple of weeks and then dried. That can take anywhere from a week to four months depending on whether he is able to say a heater or let the ears air dry.

Once the ears are shelled, he'll be left with as much as four tonnes of popcorn for his maple kettle corn.

"It will definitely be a draw as far as going to markets," Bering said. "Being able to say we also grew the popcorn, it's essentially 95% our own product. That will be a good thing for people trying to support local and eat local."